## Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following <u>new</u> heading before paragraph [0001]: FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The present invention relates to a sealing arrangement according to the definition of the species in claim 1. and more particularly to a seal between two fixed, axially symmetrical components. A seal between two fixed components is also described as a static seal.

Please delete paragraphs [0002] and [0003]

Please add the following <u>new</u> heading before paragraph [0004]: BACKGROUND

Please add the following <u>new</u> heading before paragraph [0007]: SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following amended paragraph:

[0007] Although the present invention is described in the following based on the example of a guide vane and a gas turbine housing or support structure, it is not intended for it to be limited to this specific application. Rather, the present invention is applicable wherever fixed, axially symmetrical components are to be sealed from one another by a static sealing arrangement. Thus, the field of application of the present invention is not limited to gas turbines or other aeronautic propulsion systems. Against this background, the object of the present invention is to devise an improved sealing arrangement.

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph:

[0008] This objective is achieved in that the sealing arrangement mentioned at the outset is further refined by the features set forth in the characterizing portion of claim 1. placing at least

one first sealing device designed as an annular seal between axially symmetrical components, wherein, additionally, a second sealing device designed as a brush seal is arranged between the axially symmetrical components.

Please add the following <u>new</u> heading before paragraph [0013]: BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Please add the following <u>new</u> heading before paragraph [0019]: DETAILED DESCRIPTION

On page 8, please amend the heading as follows: PATENT CLAIMS: WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: